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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL PUBLICIZES PROBLEMS OF RENEGOTIATING AZORES  
BASE AGREEMENT

AN EDITORIAL--EVIDENTLY INSPIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT--IN A LISBON DAILY APPEARS TO BE A NEGOTIATING PLOY. IT SEEMS AIMED AT MOBILIZING PUBLIC OPINION AND IMPROVING LISBON'S NEGOTIATING POSITION IN FUTURE TALKS WITH THE US ON THE AZORES BASE AGREEMENT, WHICH TECHNICALLY EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 4.

THE ARTICLE STRESSES THE BENEFITS OF THE BASE TO THE US, PARTICULARLY IN THE RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL LAST OCTOBER, AND POINTS UP THE HOSTILITY AND SANCTIONS AGAINST PORTUGAL OF ARAB OIL PRODUCERS THAT RESULTED FROM LISBON'S PERMITTING THE USE OF THE

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BASE IN RESUPPLY. THE GOVERNMENT MUST BALANCE THESE GRAVE RISKS. THE WRITER ARGUES, AGAINST THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WHICH PORTUGAL HAS MAINTAINED AND WISHES TO CONTINUE WITH THE US. THE THIRUST OF THE ARTICLE IS THAT PUBLIC OPINION DEMANDS VERY SUBSTANTIAL US COMPENSATION FOR CONTINUED US TENURE IN THE AZORES. THIS IS THE LINE THAT THE PORTUGUESE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE, ON AN OFFICIAL LEVEL, WITH THE US. [REDACTED]

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